GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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NARROW ESCAPE TO MUMBAI BOUND FLIGHT
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the disruption caused to a Mumbai - bound flight at Nagpur carrying the members of Australian and Indian Cricket team, due to a bird hit;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to avoid recurrence of any such incidents in the future?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a) and (b):- On 15.10.2007, a Jet Airways flight VT - JGR had a bird hit during take off at Nagpur airport. After bird hit, the pilot decided to land back and a safe landing was made at Nagpur airport. There was no injury to any passenger.

(c):- Government has ensured many preventive measures. Airfield Environment Management Committees have been constituted at those airport where scheduled flights operate to identify the sources of bird attraction and take remedial steps for prevention of such incidents. Various steps have been taken to reduce bird hits inside and outside the airports such as proper disposal of garbage, prevention of water logging, coverage of garbage bins, establishment of modern abattoirs and scaring and shooting of birds etc.